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Dear Mr. Chandler:

It was nice to hear from you--I only regret that your letter, which arrived in London on April 23, had to await my return on May 12 from the PPO Conference in Paris and subsequent three weeks' "holidays".

I have now obtained a copy of the book, however, and enclose a copy of the Table of Contents. I am sure you are well aware of my abysmal ignorance of library science--my experience in the field has consisted mainly of complaining bitterly when poor old IR didn't have French publications hot off the Paris presses. But I would venture to say, from my perusal of this volume, that it would be of value to a collection of library literature. According to the jacket blurb the Year's Work in Librarianship ceased publication in 1950 and is now succeeded by this "quin-quennial survey of the major trends, developments and publications in librarianship at home and abroad". National, Government, university, public and special libraries are covered. The chapter on book selection which you mentioned is a "survey limited entirely to trends in this country with brief reference to developments elsewhere which have general interest". I think one virtue of the book is the list of References at the end of each Chapter--the lists include both British and foreign publications.

I do hope that this report will be helpful to you. The Library Association sent the book, together with a bill for £3-1-0 (\$8.54), stating I could hold it for your decision and return it if we do not want it. Thus I should appreciate your letting me know as soon as possible whether to send it along--and if so, I presume it would be chargeable to WF funds.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. It is 418 pages.